

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowance of claims 1-10, 12-18, 22, and 23.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 19-21 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,070,329 to Jasinaki (*Jasinaki*) and rejected claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over *Jasinaki* in combination with official notice. Claims 1-10, 12-23, 25, and 26 are currently pending.

In this Reply, Applicant cancels claims 19-21, 25, and 26, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Although Applicant does not agree that *Jasinaki* anticipates or renders obvious claims 19-21, 25, and 26, in the interest of advancing the lengthy prosecution of this application, Applicant has cancelled these claims. Applicant reserves the right to later pursue their subject matter.

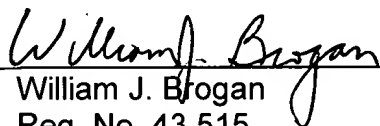
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a notice of allowance of allowed claims 1-10, 12-18, 22, and 23 as soon as possible.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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